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Commissioner for Patents
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RE: APPLICATION OF KING TITLED "CHAIN SAW TENSIONING AND BRAKING SYSTEM";
SERIAL NO.: 10/047,402;
FILING DATE: 01/15/2002;
GROUP ART: 3724;
EXAMINER: DEXTER, C.

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT OF RESTRICTION

Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of a Request for Restriction 06/23/2003 regarding the identified Application.

The Examiner has identified Claim Groupings:

- I. CLAIMS 1,8,11,19,27 AND 2-7;
- II. CLAIMS 1,8,11,19,27, 12-18 AND 20-22;
- III. CLAIMS 9,10, AND 23-26.

Applicant provisionally elects Grouping II with traverse on the grounds that the common Patentable aspect in all Claims is the presence of the Longitudinal slit. Other aspects are in addition thereto and should not negate Patentability, but rather only enhance it as additional limitations.

Sincerely,

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